

## ABSTRACT

A rivet capable of self-piercing at least one sheet of material and becoming embedded in one of such sheets, generally consisting of a head section and a shank section formed integrally with the head section, wherein the head section includes an upwardly and outwardly curved side wall surface extending from the shank section to an upper portion of the head section, and the shank section includes a recess in a lower end thereof, with the lower end of the shank section having a peripheral cutting edge sufficient to penetrate such material.